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State Gets \$16,857 for Land Near Hog Island

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The transaction, which was completed by the payment of the check, is the largest sale by the Commonwealth of vacant land in years and one of the most unusual, said James H. Craig, deputy secretary of internal affairs today. "Under the act of 1913 the owners of adjoining lands have the first opportunity to purchase the property and the American International Shipbuilding Corporation has been one of the most active purchasers of the land," he said. "The land was vacated by the United States as a part of a navigable waterway some time ago and one of the largest sums of money will be added to the State permanent school fund."

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MEN ARE GLAD IT'S OVER

Fort McHenry Base Hospital Has Big Quota of Hero Pennsylvanians

[This is the seventh of a series of special articles to be printed by the Evening Public Ledger recounting the heroic deeds of Pennsylvania service men in the great war.]

"I don't think there is a soldier in France who is not glad that the war is over. Men who actually fought the battle appreciate what war means and what it would cost to beat back the German army to the gates of Berlin.

"The Germans got tired of the Kaiser and were not exhausted that they quit. Their action has saved a multitude of lives and we are exceedingly happy. And, after all, you must remember that a real war never does like to kick a man when he is down and that is Germany's position today."

The soldier who made these remarks is Neal Matthews, 551 East Cornwall street, Philadelphia. Matthews did not gain his knowledge of the boche in lecture halls or from special articles written by men who spent two weeks behind the lines in France.

He volunteered that much information today and followed it up by relating his experiences in the fight when at Fort McHenry base hospital in Baltimore and recovering from boche machine-gun bullets. His first wound was an ugly one on the right leg, and a half hour later he underwent a second wound on his left leg.

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FARE BOOSTERS WARNED TO HIRE LEGAL COUNSEL

Traction Officials Appear Without Attorney—Commissioner Postpones Hearing

A rare instance of a corporation being warned to engage legal counsel occurred today, when Public Service Commissioner Ryan, in postponing hearings on a complaint, advised officials of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Railroad Company to be represented by an attorney at the hearing.

A complaint was lodged by the town council of Morrisville, Pa., against the company, which operates trolley lines from Trenton to points in Pennsylvania, Merriamville, Trenton.

The complaint specified that the fare in the zone including Morrisville has been raised twice this year. In March it was boosted from five to six cents and recently from six to seven cents.

Sidney E. Wright, president, and Gaylord Thompson, general manager, of the traction company appeared at the hearing today before Commissioner Ryan in the Finance Committee room, City Hall.

The hearing was postponed until Friday at 1 o'clock to Mr. Ryan's private office in the Land Title Building.

WINTERFELD WHINES AGAIN

General Objects to German Army Being Made Powerless

London, Nov. 26.—Another German protest against the armistice conditions has been sent broadcast to the Allies. General von Winterfeldt, who is in command of the German army in the West, has written a letter to the Allies, in which he complains that the armistice conditions are making the German army powerless, and that the Allies are making the German army powerless.

HOSIERY MEN TO FIGHT

Unreasonable Cancellation of Orders Arouses Manufacturers

A fight against cancellation of orders without "just and valid reasons" has been instituted by the Pennsylvania Division of the National Association of Hosiery and Knitwear Manufacturers.

Some merchants, the association contends, have made a practice of ordering goods and then, for various reasons, suddenly cancelling the order after the manufacturer has begun to fill it.

STRIKE QUICKLY BROKEN

Shipworkers Return When Piez Denies Government Sympathy

Striking employees of the Pennsylvania yard of Piez & Sons, at Gloucester, returned to work yesterday simultaneously with a declaration by Charles Piez, vice president of the Gloucester Ship Corporation, that strikers will get no sympathy from the Government.

FLEET CORPORATION MAN DIES

W. C. McGowan, Supervisor, Stricken in His Office

William C. McGowan, supervisor of District No. 4, wood ship division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, died today in the Jefferson Hospital.

Mr. McGowan was a resident of Jacksonville, Fla., and came to Philadelphia with the Fleet Corporation when the main offices were moved here from Washington.

GERMANY WOULD KEEP MARINE

Desires in Return to Build Merchant Ships for Allies

London, Nov. 26.—The German Government today announced that it desires in return to build merchant ships for the Allies.

**LIBERTY BELL'S GUARDIAN,
OLDEST POLICEMAN, DIES**

Reserve Patrolman James Orr, at Eighty Years, Is Victim of Pneumonia

Served City Since 1865 and Was Regarded as Authority on Tocsin of Independence

James Orr, for nearly a quarter of a century a guardian of the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, died this morning from pneumonia at his home, 1509 Wharton street.

Orr was this city's oldest policeman both in age and length of service. He was eighty years old and was a patrolman for forty-nine years.

In November, 1868, Orr was made a substitute patrolman and advanced to regular patrolman three months later. From 1869 until 1878 he was out of the service, having accepted another position, but returned in May, 1878, and assigned to the Eleventh and Wharton street police station. On May 1, 1894, he was detailed to the Reserves and assigned to guard the Liberty Bell.

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President Expects to Remain in Europe at Least a Month

ALLIES ACCEPT TERMS
Diplomatic Success Won by This Country in Preliminary Discussion

By the Associated Press
Washington, Nov. 26.

About one month is the time President Wilson expects to be in Europe for the opening of the peace conference and preliminary discussion.

No definite limit has been fixed but it was said authoritatively today that the President plans to be back on American soil within six weeks after his ship sails for the other side.

It became known also today that the Italian Ambassador, Count di Cellerio, as well as Ambassador Jusserand of France and the American peace delegation, will cross on the ship with the President.

Preparations for the President's trip are going forward rapidly at the White House, though they still are surrounded with secrecy and no one professes to know either when the start will be made or just who will make up the party.

It was said today that there was no foundation whatever for talk of a centenary celebration of the peace conference, and that American newspapers correspondents would be given all facilities possible for transmitting their dispatches.

By the Associated Press
Paris, Nov. 26.

The United States Government's immense diplomatic success in obtaining from the Allied governments acceptance of President Wilson's fourteen points, with only one reservation and addition, is becoming daily more apparent as the congress are being outlined largely on the basis of the President's points.

Colonel R. M. House, the special representative of the United States Government, when he arrived here for his first mission, was met by a group of friends to accept as a totality the framework of peace as expressed by President Wilson's fourteen points.

Some European statesmen considered that the points worked as a good solvent upon Germany; that they had served their great purpose in their effect upon German unity, but that they should be modified.

Allied statesmen plainly put forward the view that as the American traditional policy had been one of detachment from European affairs, it was natural for the American Government when the war broke out in Europe to consider it a quarrel among European nations and to declare its neutrality.

It was pointed out that for two years and a half the American Government observed its neutrality and called the attention of both groups of belligerents to violations of sea law. Germany's policy became intolerable and American entered into the war both for that reason and because America did have a community of ideals of government and of human rights with the Allies.

Germany, as became a great country, was impelled to put forth great efforts and she did.

Allied statesmen have fully appreciated the effect of American arms in winning the decision. Nevertheless, it was contended by some, this had been a controversy among European nations and the winning group, it was suggested, supposed that America, having accomplished her aims, would return to her detachment and allow the countries instantly concerned to arrange a settlement, according to the European viewpoint of the situation.

**WILSON ASKED
BY DUCHESS TO
AID LUXEMBURG**

Young Ruler Wants Protection From German Troops and at Peace Table

Washington, Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson has been asked by the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg to intervene in behalf of the Grand Duchy to protect it against the dangers incident to German demobilization and to safeguard in the peace negotiations its rights as a small nation, free and independent.

The communication has been referred to the Supreme War Council at Versailles.

London, Nov. 26.—The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg has decided to take no share in the Government of her country for the present, a dispatch to the Express announced today.

Luxembourg has been under German military rule from the start of the war until the recent evacuation. It is now occupied by American and French troops.

"Revelry by Night" Again Stirs "Belgium's Capital"

"Beauty and Chivalry" Dance Till Dawn in Honor of King's Return—"Fair Women and Brave Men" Make Merry

By PHILIP GIBBS
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger
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With the British Armies, Nov. 26.

After the state entry of the King of the Belgians into Brussels and the last ceremony of the day, when in the yellowish twilight he passed through immense crowds in the Grand Place to the Hotel de Ville to receive an address from Eugène-Emmanuel Max and the civic authorities, the people of Belgium's capital gave themselves up to a night of carnival, which by bad luck it was unable to see.

It was a Flemish "Kermesse," in which rich and poor, nobles and peasants, high officials and simple soldiers were exalted to equality of rank in the brotherhood of joy. Erasmus would have found a new text for a book of fables of folly through this night in Brussels, for in the folly of crowds there was the light-heartedness of children dancing to the love of life and the consciousness of humanity of many nations linking arms across the frontiers of the spirit and the laughter of freedom which had tasted the salt of their own tears in four years of agony.

In the open squares of Brussels, below the white Palace of Justice which crowns the central hill of the city, the people danced all night. They danced in the broad squares, in the squares around English and Scottish, Belgian or French soldiers—anywhere that stood for hero worship in their hearts—and warlike about them, cheering and singing.

It was a moonlit night, and these swirling crowds were in a white slushy glow as they passed in squadrons down the broad avenues under the leafless trees and eddied through the streets of shops and restaurants, spouting in electric lights of light of peace, which the men who had been on the other side of the lines and never before for four years, so that, like moths which had been in darkness, they went close into the fire of all this light, finding strange pleasure in its blinding glare, in its whirling signs and in the advertisements that flashed out above the white, upturned faces.

In these crowds were soldiers of all the Allies. It was an international night in Brussels and a festival of victory, for besides those who came in for the first time of agony.

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MOVE TO REINSTATE AUSTRIAN EMPEROR

ZURICH, Nov. 26.—Efforts to reinstate Emperor Charles are growing in Vienna, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung.

According to the Vienna Achtenblatt, Cardinal Piffl, in a statement to a meeting of 300 women, said: "Prospects for the restoration of Emperor Charles are favorable. It probably will be accomplished in a few months."

CHILEAN CONGRESS CENSURES VICE PRESIDENT

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 26.—Second Vice President Cardenas has been officially censured by the Chilean congress as "unpatriotic" because he made a speech before that body last night expressing the hope the differences with Peru could be settled without war.

**ADMITS MURDER
TO SAVE WOMAN
HOME IN WEEK**

Burglar Says He Committed Crime for Which Pennsylvania Is on Trial

GIVES DETAILS OF CRIME 4 LINERS BRING BOYS

Washington, Nov. 26.

Between 12,000 and 13,000 American soldiers who have been training in England will arrive home within the next week, according to announcement today.

Dispatches from London announce the sailing of the Mauretania yesterday with between 5000 and 6000 from the aviation corps, while the three British liners, Minnekahda, Lapland and Arca left Liverpool last Friday and Saturday with 382 officers and 4014 men of the air service. The last three ships are due in New York before the end of the week.

Chief of Staff March announced it is planned to have the coming sailing mail every day this week.

Details of the plans for demobilizing these units have not been announced. Several days ago that some of the expeditionary units will be permitted to "sneak into the country." So far as possible, it is presumed, the units expect to arrive this week will be sent to camps near the homes of the men and the demobilization will take place at those camps.

The seven thousand new en route home will be followed soon by other units of the 20,000 American troops in training in England.

Units on Way

The units now en route to New York and the ship on which they sailed were announced by General March as follows:

Minnekahda—Second aircraft construction park, 20 officers and 557 men; 220th Aero Squadron, 3 officers and 249 men; 210th Aero Squadron, 3 officers, 125 men; 234th Squadron, 3 officers, 258 men; Eighteenth Construction Company, air service, 6 officers, 242 men; Nineteenth Construction Company, 7 officers, 238 men; Fifteenth Construction Company, 5 officers, 223 men; Ninety-second Aero Squadron, 24 officers, 201 men; 177th Squadron, 2 officers, 280 men; 210th Squadron, 2 officers, 281 men; 234th Squadron, 4 officers, 123 men; 335th Squadron, 3 officers, 50 men; 259th Squadron, 3 officers, 127 men; casual medical detachment, 8 officers, 18 enlisted men. Total aboard, 59 officers, 2843 men.

Lapland—First Handley Page Training Section, 134 officers, 443 men; Sixty-ninth Photo Section, 1 officer, 20 men; Seventieth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Seventy-first Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Seventy-second Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-first Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-second Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-third Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-fourth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-fifth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-sixth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-seventh Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-eighth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Eighty-ninth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninetieth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-first Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-second Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-third Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-fourth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-fifth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-sixth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-seventh Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-eighth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; Ninety-ninth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; One hundred Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; One hundred and first Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; One hundred and second Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; One hundred and third Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; One hundred and fourth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; One hundred and fifth Photo Section, 1 officer, 80 men; One hundred and sixth Photo Section, 1 officer,